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Title: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING TYRES, TYRES THUS OBTAINED AND
ELASTOMERIC COMPOSITIONS USED THEREIN
being a **Continuation** of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/09646,
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/09646, filed December 6, 1999., which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98124373.6, filed December 22, 1998, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/116,237 filed January 15, 1999.

1. Application - 39 pages, including 6 independent claims and 58 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment including an Abstract of the Disclosure.
3. Drawings - 3 sheets of formal drawings containing 3 figures.

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4. Copy of cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO 00/37555
5. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98124373.6, filed December 22, 1998.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 2 documents attached.
7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 98124373.6, filed December 22, 1998, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/116,237, filed January 15, 1999.

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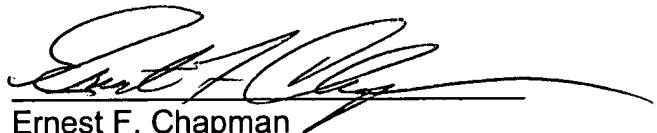
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